



The Rainbow Intersection Berlin, 23rd October 2014

The German Africa Foundation has the honor to invite you to *The Rainbow Intersection Berlin* – a discussion around the historical background and construction of whiteness, Christianity and gender identities.

A panel discussion will look at the everyday realities of the LGBTI community – both in Africa as well as in Europe.

Is Africa on the eve of an emancipating process when it comes to gay rights and gender equality? Is sexual diversity mostly a Western concept as stated by many African politicians nowadays? How does the media influence the German/European perceptions of sexual diversity, when reporting that Uganda or Nigeria for example condemn homosexuality as a crime and pass laws for a sharper persecution of gays and lesbians?

Programme:

6:00 pm

Knowledge as Commodity. Whiteness, Christianity and Gender

Prof. Dr. Susan Arndt | Professor of English Studies and Anglophone Literatures, University of Bayreuth

6:45 pm

Panel Discussion

Adebisi Alimi | Nigeria's foremost gay rights and HIV/AIDS activist

Thorsten Kirschner | Pastor, Protestant Church in Germany

Audrey Mbugua | Program Manager Transgender Education & Advocacy, Kenya

Moderation: Ade Adeniji | Co-Founder, The Quest

8:00 pm

Get Together, Drinks and Snacks

**Venue: Hotel Moa Berlin, Atrium, Stephanstraße 41, 10559 Berlin
Arrival by car via Birkenstraße 21. Low-priced parking area available.**

RSVP until 20th October 2014: anmeldung@deutsche-afrika-stiftung.de

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Prof. Dr. Susan Arndt is a Professor of English Studies and Anglophone Literatures at the University of Bayreuth. She studied German, English and African studies and had different research and teaching positions at German universities before. She is the author of several books. One of her best known books is „Wie Rassismus aus Wörtern spricht: (K)Erben des Kolonialismus“. Her main fields of interest are Westafrican woman literature, critical whiteness studies and racism.



Bisi Alimi is the best known voice for LGBT rights in the African diaspora. He is an HIV advocate and public speaker and a regular media commentator on LGBT issues across Africa and Europe. After being the first man who came out as gay on Nigerian television in 2004, followed by an attempt on his life in 2007, he fled to the UK. As founder of The Initiative for Equal Rights Nigeria (TIER) he organized the first countrywide MSM (Men who have sex with men) HIV prevention project in Nigeria. In the UK he set up the first Migrant African MSM sexual health programme. Alimi is a fellow at The New Voices Fellowship at the Aspen Institute.



Thorsten Kirschner is a German delegate for the dialogue with political youth associations at the attorney of the council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD). He studied evangelical theology in Marburg, Amsterdam and Berlin and African religion and theology in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.



Audrey Mbugua is a transgender activist, Secular Humanist and co-founder and Program Manager of the non-governmental organisation Transgender Education & Advocacy (T.E.A.) in Kenya. T.E.A. aims to achieve equal civil rights and liberties for transgender people in Kenya through research, educational forums, pressing for access to appropriate medical interventions, legislation and social change. T.E.A campaigns to extirpate the silence, ignorance, urban myths, discrimination and denigration transgender individuals have to contend within Kenya.



Ade Adeniji is co-founder of The Quest, which delivers workshops, coaching and personal development events for gay men. He co-authored "Love me as I am: gay men reflect on their lives". His personal and professional intention is to be a catalyst for personal and social transformation and awakening. Last year Adeniji launched Rainbow Intersection London. Being born in London he spent his late childhood and adolescence in Nigeria. He worked for many years in the field of human resources and personal development and now lives out between London and Amsterdam.

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